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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR THE
ESPERANZA HOPE AND RECOVERY CONFERENCE**

This memorandum is to notify your Board of the Department of Mental Health's (DMH's) intent to exercise the delegated authority granted by your Board to the Director of Mental Health (Director), or his designee, to execute an agreement with Almansor Court for facility rental fees and catering services for the Esperanza Hope and Recovery Conference: Seeds of Health and Wellbeing to be held on August 27, 2013, at an estimated cost of \$55,000.

On July 12, 2011, your Board adopted a Board letter which delegates authority to the Director, or his designee, under Recommendation No. 4, to sign substantially similar agreements with similar conference sites for catering services for five subsequent annual Hope and Recovery: Empowering Our Lives Conferences through Fiscal Year 2015-16, not to exceed \$55,000, which is subject to review and approval by County Counsel and notice to your Board and Chief Executive Office.

DMH has verified Almansor Court's vendor status and its capability to host a conference for approximately 450 guests.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, or your staff may contact Angel Baker, Administrative Manager, Program Support Bureau, at (213) 738-4105.

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